









## Poetry.

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There may be romance in that tender feeling,  
Which visiteth thy heart when at thy side,  
I feel a soft though gentle gently teasing  
For love hath music in its far more pleasing  
Than the proud romance of the feudal line,  
Whose dames in verse were taught the art of  
Their red-cross knights to trudge to Palestine.

It is the romance of fresh thoughts, that waken  
Sweetly among the visions of young years,  
Hearkening to love, the long-tried and  
onish.  
Too pure for passion, and too true for tears,  
Yet glowing in the Sweet, how thrills my heart.  
As to my heart I lay yielding form,  
For life itself of these would wear an blossom,  
Nor would I have my rainbow span my spirit-storm.

Don't I that thy young heart will ever follow?  
Deem I that mine will ever love thee less?  
Thou who didst give me at the bridal altar,  
Thy heart's deep wealth of unaided tender-

ness!  
No! never dearest! never, ill the beating  
Of this poor heart that throbs for thee is so:  
Never will I let thy love be less than  
Takes up its death-march to the spirit's rose.  
Then as thy lips shall kiss me to my slumber,  
As on life's verge I say the last "good-night,"  
How will thy world's reels and fevers on my  
sight!

Yet in that "distant harbor" where, broken  
rest,  
Thou hast been happy that my soul hath  
rest,  
Can I but meet thee when life's path departed,  
My sin-freed spirit shall be doubly blest.

Knickerbocker for January.

Footsteps of Angels.

Winn the hours of day are numbered,  
And wide of mine old home I have retired,  
Wake the better soul that slumbered,  
To a holy calm delight;

Ere the evening lamps are lighted,  
And like phantoms grim and tall,  
Shadows from the twilight fill and fill,  
Breathing through the jalousies wall.

Then the forms of the departed  
Come at the open door,  
The beloved ones—the true-hearted,  
Come to visit me once more;

Ho, the young and strong, who cherished  
Noble longings for the strife—  
By the way-side fell and perished,  
Vainly with the march of life!

They the holy ones and weakly,  
Who the cross of suffering bore—  
Follow their pale limbs to the  
Spoke with us on earth no more!

With us them the Being Beatitudes,  
Who unto you was given,  
More than all things else to love me,  
And now a saint in heaven.

With a slow and noiseless footstep,  
Comes the messenger divine,  
Lays her gentle hand in mine,  
And with me she goes at night.

With those deep and tender smiles,  
Like stars so still and saint-like,  
Looking downward from the skies.

Uttered not, yet comprehended,  
Is the spirit's voiceless prayer,  
Soft rebukes, in blessings ended,  
Come from her lips of air.

Oh, though oft depressed and lonely,  
And oft in tears and sighs,  
If I but remember only  
Such as these have lived and died.

## Miscellaneous.

Eruptions of Mount Etna.

The late emission of this celebrated mountain, though not succeeded by such an outburst of destruction as that of 1841, has been registered on prior occasions, has called up in the English papers a long enumeration of some of the most remarkable eruptions of ancient times. There appear to have been as many as nine eruptions before Christ.

The first that is recorded, dispossessed the whole tribe of the Sicani, and drove them to settle in more southern parts. The second eruption, which was attended with a deluge of fire, was followed by the Altheians in their marbles. As was the last that two rich brothers, named Amphimachus and Anapris, rushed into the torrents of red flames and carried off their property. The third eruption, which spared the youths, it is said, while it consumed those on the same roads. Catana, and her citizens, dedicated a temple to this act of filial piety. Five eruptions intervened before the fourth, which happened in the reign of Caligula, which terrified that Emperor so far as to cause his precipitate flight from Messina.

The most important eruptions after Christ, were those of 1139, 1239, 1286, 1326, 1363, 1373, 1392, 1406, 1408, 1432, 1486, 1536, 1586, 1606, 1613, 1617, 1623, 1627, 1633, 1637, 1643, 1647, 1653, 1657, 1663, 1667, 1673, 1677, 1683, 1687, 1693, 1697, 1703, 1707, 1713, 1717, 1723, 1727, 1733, 1737, 1743, 1747, 1753, 1757, 1763, 1767, 1773, 1777, 1783, 1787, 1793, 1797, 1803, 1807, 1813, 1817, 1823, 1827, 1833, 1837, 1843, 1847, 1853, 1857, 1863, 1867, 1873, 1877, 1883, 1887, 1893, 1897, 1903, 1907, 1913, 1917, 1923, 1927, 1933, 1937, 1943, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1967, 1973, 1977, 1983, 1987, 1993, 1997, 2003, 2007, 2013, 2017, 2023, 2027, 2033, 2037, 2043, 2047, 2053, 2057, 2063, 2067, 2073, 2077, 2083, 2087, 2093, 2097, 2103, 2107, 2113, 2117, 2123, 2127, 2133, 2137, 2143, 2147, 2153, 2157, 2163, 2167, 2173, 2177, 2183, 2187, 2193, 2197, 2203, 2207, 2213, 2217, 2223, 2227, 2233, 2237, 2243, 2247, 2253, 2257, 2263, 2267, 2273, 2277, 2283, 2287, 2293, 2297, 2303, 2307, 2313, 2317, 2323, 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